

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

Upcoming 2021 News Release Schedule

Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 15	Mar 15
Feb	Mar 26	Mar 30
Mar	Apr 16	Apr 20
Apr	May 21	May 25
May	Jun 23	Jun 23
Jun	Jul 16	Jul 20
Jul	Aug 20	Aug 24
Aug	Sep 17	Sep 21
Sep	Oct 22	Oct 26
Oct	Nov 19	Nov 23
Nov	Dec 17	Dec 21
Dec	Jan 25	Jan 25

Iowa Nonfarm Employment Seasonally Adjusted

Year	Month	Iowa Statewide Employment	Leisure & Hospitality Employment
2021	Feb	1,510,800	120,200
	Mar	1,523,200	121,900
	Apr	1,517,600	123,600
	May	1,518,800	125,300
	Jun	1,525,400	129,100
	Jul	1,534,900	135,000
	Aug	1,531,200	131,600
	Sep	1,538,200	133,300

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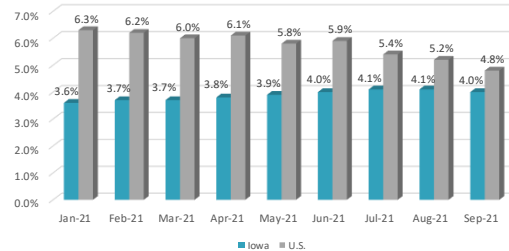
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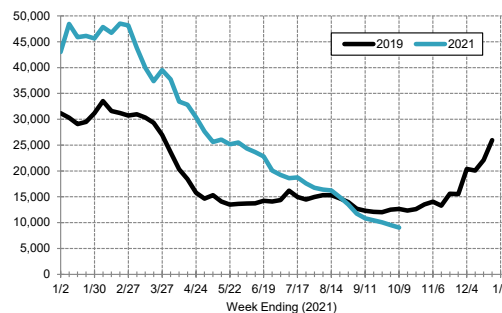
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Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates—2021



- Iowa's unemployment rate dropped to 4.0 percent in September. The state's jobless rate was 4.7 percent one year ago.
- The state's total employment level climbed to 1,594,400 in September from 1,592,500 in August.
- The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 4.8 percent in September.

Continued Weeks Claimed for Unemployment Insurance Regular State UI Program



Source: ETA-539 report

- Unemployment insurance continued weeks claimed averaged 10,520 during September 2021. This compares to 61,540 in 2020 and 21,320 in 2019.
- Continued weeks claimed have been decreasing throughout 2021. They are now lower than the pre-pandemic levels of 2019.

- Iowa establishments added 7,000 jobs in September. Jobs have now been added in four of the last five months.
- Retail trade gained the most jobs in September (+2,400). This is now the fourth consecutive increase for retail.
- Manufacturing rose by 1,900. Most of the increase stemmed from durable goods factories and were related to agriculture and machinery manufacturing.
- Leisure and hospitality increased by 1,700 jobs. Most of the jobs added were in eating and drinking establishments.
- Financial activities gained 900 jobs. This sector had previously been unchanged since June.
- Health care and social assistance decreased slightly in September and is now down 1,100 jobs versus one year ago.
- Total nonfarm employment is up 36,100 jobs over the past twelve months. The largest gains have been in leisure and hospitality (+13,800) and manufacturing (+8,900).
- Nationally, total nonfarm employment increased by 194,000 jobs. This gain was substantially lower than expected based on the last few months. The largest gains were in leisure and hospitality and professional and business services.

Total Nonfarm Employment January 2020 to September 2021

